

# WESTERLY'S SHOOTING CASE

**Bernardo Lusina Pleads Not Guilty to Assault With Intent to Murder Antonio Barballa—Other Offenders Before Judge Williams—Catholic Club Plans Debate—Cyrus Randall in the Toils—Death of James D. McCalla Sensation of 1884.**

Bernardo Lusina was arraigned in the Third District court Saturday morning before Judge Oliver H. Williams, charged with assault and intent to kill and murder Antonio Barballa. When the complaint was read to him he said he did not understand the whole of it and said in broken English that he did not intend to kill Antonio, but that Antonio attempted to kill him. He said he would have killed him if he could, that he was afraid of his life, and shot Antonio in self defense. John Niles was called in as interpreter and explained the reading of the complaint to the accused and a plea of not guilty was entered.

The shooting occurred in the little store connected with the dormitory which was used by laborers in the employ of the New England Telephone and Telegraph company, and is located at the corner of West and Main streets. Antonio Barballa, who was shot in the left kidney and in the left forearm, and whose wounds were temporarily dressed before he was taken to the Rhode Island hospital, Providence. Upon examination there another bullet wound was found in the left side just under the shoulder, therefore the three shots fired by Bernardo took effect. When the local physician was called to the case a change had been made in the bullet and therefore no bullet holes were visible in that garment, and the physician made no special examination, supposing that Antonio's information as to the number of shots and their location was correct, and hurried him to the first train for Providence.

At the time of the shooting the only persons in the little store besides Bernardo and Antonio were Lusina Fava, known as the job as No. 240, and Mario Caputo, boss of the concrete gang. According to their statements, Bernardo was the aggressor and at no time was his life in danger. Antonio had been drinking during the day and had just returned from a night of drinking. He called for a glass of beer and was refused by Bernardo, who has charge of the place. Some sharp words followed and Bernardo called Antonio the vilest of names. This enraged Antonio and he started for Bernardo. The latter picked up a club, but before Antonio reached him he whipped out a revolver. This man grappled with the other two men in the small room could interfere the revolver was discharged three times in rapid succession and Antonio fell to the floor. He was then taken to the shore, his shirt changed and Dr. Scanlon was summoned. Then notice was given the police and Bernardo was arrested and the revolver secured. The weapon was of 36 calibre and not 32 as was at first reported.

As none of the bullets entered the body from the front, it would seem that Antonio was endeavoring to get away from Bernardo when the shots were fired. After a plea of not guilty was entered, Town Solicitor Harry B. Azzard said the state was not ready to introduce any evidence and that the extent of the injuries and the possible termination was not known, and therefore suggested continuation for at least one week. Judge Williams fixed the bond at \$5000 and continued the case to next Friday. Bernardo could not furnish the bond and he was taken to Kingston jail to await hearing.

John Moriarty, a former resident of Pawcatuck, who said he was married in Monson, Mass., and that his wife and child resided in New London, charged with bearing for money on the street and being an idle and dissolute person, was arraigned before Judge Williams in the Third District court Saturday. At first he pleaded not guilty, but when it was evident that there was to be delay in the trial by summoning a number of witnesses he changed his plea to guilty. He told the court that he had been drinking heavily for a long time, had not done any work and had not contributed to the support of his wife and child. He was sentenced to serve a term of 30 days in the state workhouse and to pay the costs.

Ames Crandall of Mystic was before the bar of justice of the Third District court. He was charged with intoxication and when the judge asked him if he was guilty or not he replied: "I'm guilty, or I wouldn't be here, for policemen do not take in sober men for being drunk. There's a headlining and an ending to everything and this is my beginning of life in prison station, and it's the end." He was ordered to pay the minimum fine of \$2 and costs of \$2.50. Mr. Crandall counted his money and he was just \$2 shy. He said: "Say, Judge, will you trust me for that \$2 until next Saturday? I'll pay then or before that time, and I'm a man of my word, just as sure as you're living." Judge Williams took Mr. Crandall at his word and gave him his freedom.

William Pryor, who was released from the state farm last week after

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## JEWETT CITY

**Death of Mrs. Clara Northrup, 82—Charles Meach Dies in Willimantic Hospital—Officers of True Blue Class**

The news of the death of Mrs. Clara Northrup in Newport, R. I., has been received by relatives in this vicinity. Mrs. Northrup died Friday after a brief illness. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Hixson and was born in Westerly, R. I., 32 years ago. She was a former resident of Jewett City, where she was a member of the Baptist church. Many friends in this locality mourn her death. She has several nephews and nieces, among them Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Ray of Lisbon and E. H. Hixson of Jewett City.

**Death of Charles Meach.**  
The death of Charles Meach occurred at the St. Joseph's hospital, Willimantic, Sunday morning. Mr. Meach was a former resident here. He is survived by his wife and adopted daughter. Mr. Meach was 68 years old. Death was due to lead poisoning. He was overseer of the cloth shop in Slater mills for over 20 years, when he retired. The family moved to Lebanon 12 years ago. He united with the Congregational church in Jewett City in 1867 and took a letter to the church in 1869. He was a member of Mt. Vernon lodge, No. 75, F. and A. M. The funeral will be conducted by the Masonic fraternity. Burial at Pachaug.

**True Blue Elect Officers.**  
The True Blue class of the Baptist Sunday school met at the home of Mrs. John Perkins on Saturday afternoon. Officers for three months were elected as follows: President, Emory Tarbox; vice president, Earl Palmer; secretary, Walter Gray; treasurer, Royal Backcock. The hostess served refreshments at the close of the meeting.

**Borough Briefs.**  
Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Lieberthal and son left Sunday for a week's stay in New York.  
B. R. Gardner spent Sunday in New Haven.  
The schools open today after a week vacation.  
The W. C. T. U. is to hold its Mothers' day meeting at the home of Mrs. P. E. Robinson Tuesday afternoon. This is an open meeting.

## COLCHESTER

**Punctual Pupils During Past Term—Congregational Church Calls Rev. H. A. Blake of Hartford.**

The following pupils of Grades V and VI, Bacon academy, Miss Lillie McDermott teacher, were neither absent, tardy nor excused during the term ending March 31: Sarah Edmonds, Annie Gierstein, Tony Karlewitz, Jacob Inenberg, Raymond Wilson; Sarah Casper, ten minutes late; John Internis, Charles Morris, Agnes Schlump and Arthur Greckenbach were each absent one-half day.

**Water High and Cold.**  
As the water is high and cold, it will be several days before the trout fishermen will be able to do much fishing.

**Call to Hartford Pastor.**  
At the business meeting of the Congregational church it was voted to give a unanimous call to the Rev. H. A. Blake of Hartford to become pastor of the church. Mr. Blake has supplied the pulpit for several Sundays and it is hoped that he will accept the call.

G. R. Gilman left town this (Monday) morning for a short stay in Hartford.  
Rev. David O'Donnell celebrated mass at St. Bridget's church, Moosic, on Sunday.  
Postcard from Rev. M. H. May.  
R. E. Baker has received a souvenir postcard from Rev. M. H. May of Rockville, formerly of this place, who is in Cuba. Father May and his brother, Dr. John May of Westerly, have been for several weeks on a pleasure trip to Panama and Mexico and are expected to return in a few days.

**Borough Interests.**  
Mrs. A. L. Stebbins returned Friday from several days' stay in Middletown, where she was called by the death of her father.  
Horace B. Stevens of North Westchester was a caller here Saturday.  
Wesley Brown of Salem was in town Saturday.  
Miss Lillie McDermott left town this (Monday) morning for a week's visit with relatives in Norwich.  
Mrs. Peter Wormester of Middletown is the guest for a week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Knelling.  
Clinton Jones of Hebron was in town Saturday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Larson and children left town Saturday for their new home in Chester.  
Miss Mabel McDonald visited friends in Hartford recently.  
The boys' club junior baseball team played their first game with the Haywards Saturday afternoon on the Strawberry Hill grounds, as the park grounds were too wet.  
Samuel McDonald, Jr., and Donald Bigelow of Hartford were at their homes in town over Sunday.

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After his release Mr. Fish lived with his daughter in the Prospect home and of his neighbors knew of his history. He was buried Monday, March 26, at Mystic, Conn., his birthplace.

**Local Laconics.**  
Mary O'Toole died Sunday at her home in Potter Hill.  
Susan, wife of Andrew Jordan, died Saturday at her home on Burdick lane.  
John H. Ryan of Stonington was the guest of John P. Vose in Westerly on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James N. Kelley and baby of New London were guests of John L. May Sunday.  
Five candidates were admitted to membership by baptism in the First Baptist church Sunday evening.  
Charles Wilson, professor of geology at Brown university, will address the evening of the Board of Trade Tuesday evening on "Economic Value of the Rhode Island Marsh Lands."

Mrs. Adeline Barnes, widow of Horace A. Barnes, died Friday at her home in Providence. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. H. C. Stannard, of Providence, and two sons, Herbert H. of Providence and Clarence Arthur Barnes of Westerly.

Charles Richmond was arrested Sunday by police, Chapman for conducting a junk business without license. When arraigned in the Third District court he pleaded not guilty and furnished a bond of \$100 for appearance next Friday.

Rev. William F. Williams officiated at the funeral services of Ernest O. Finckelstein at his home in Garden street Saturday afternoon. Burial was in River Road cemetery. The bearers were James Fitzgerald, Frank Gatchell, Daniel Casey and John Sullivan.

Michael Spellman, for several years employed at the freight house of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad in Westerly, has resigned. He has been succeeded by Irving Champlin, checking clerk. George Covey of Potter Hill has been added to the working force.

Matthew Donnell, who has been in Massachusetts for some time, returned to his home in West Broad street Saturday and purchased the household effects and the windows and then shipped. Patrolman Keegan made quick response to a call, but Donnell disappeared before the coming of the officer.



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**Statement by Mr. Bruce.**

Mr. Editor: Please permit me, as a matter of professional privilege, about three inches of your space to say that I am not, never was, and never shall be in any way, shape or manner connected with a certain Sunday paper, not necessary to be named, that has, I believe, a rather substantial circulation in this county.

An interview in yesterday's issue of this, to me, disgusting sheet uses my name three times as the alleged New London-Norwich representative of the paper. Since 1893 I have, as you, Mr. Editor, personally know, been connected with reputable daily publications in New England, Ohio, New Jersey, North Carolina, Florida and Pennsylvania.

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